

REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS

Claims 33-61 have been examined. Claim 61 is indicated as allowable. Claims 35-38 and 47-50 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The remaining claims (33, 34, 39-46 and 51-60) are rejected.

Claim Amendments. Claim 33 is amended to include the limitation of claim 35 (thyroid hormone), and claim 45 is amended to include the limitation of claim 47 (thyroid hormone). Claims 35 and 47 are canceled. Claims 36-38 and 48-50 are amended to correct the antecedent claim reference, given the amendment to claims 33 and 45, respectively.

The claims withdrawn from consideration, claims 22-32, are canceled. The remaining rejected claims (33, 34, 39-46 and 51-60) are canceled in order to facilitate allowance of the case, subject to the right of Applicant to filing continuing or divisional applications thereto.

Claims Rejections. As noted above, the rejected claims are canceled without prejudice. It is submitted that the remaining claims are, consonant with the Office Action, allowable.

Formal Matters. Authorization is given to charge payment of any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 13-4213. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for accounting purposes. Filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time to December 4, 2003, with the appropriate fee.

Should the Examiner have any queries, suggestions or comments relating to a speedy disposition of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned. Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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